



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 17, 2024

8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

(Please use this time to prepare reflectively for worship.)

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jan Butin

PRELUDE

A Chlois
Music by Hahn Reynaldo

Xiao Yang, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP (by Joanne Carlson Brown)

People of God, raise your voices in praise to God.

God takes delight in our presence here.

Come and enter God's house.

We come trusting in the steadfast love of God.

Let us worship the God of love and righteousness.

*HYMN 624 (verses 1, 3, 5)

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Salvation Art
Words by John Calvin; Genevan Psalter 1551

Glory to God

**I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.**

**Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.**

**Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*seated, unison*) (from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. But we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, we give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ. Amen. (*silent confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE

O Lord, Your Tenderness
Words and Music by Graham Kendrick

Sing the Faith

**O Lord, your tenderness, melting all my bitterness;
O Lord, I receive your love. O Lord, your loveliness,
changing my unworthiness; O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, I receive your love; O Lord, I receive your love. (*sing twice*)**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANTHEM

Embrace the Cross
Words and Music by John G. Elliott

Cole Jackson, baritone
Xiao Yang, piano

I am crucified with Christ; therefore I no longer live. Jesus Christ now lives in me. (repeat)

Embrace the cross where Jesus suffered, though it will cost all you claim as yours.
Your sacrifice will seem small beside the treasure; eternity can't measure what Jesus holds in store. Embrace the love the cross requires, cling to the One whose heart knew every pain.
Receive from Jesus fountains of compassion. Only He can fashion your heart to move as His.

O wondrous cross, our desires rest in you. O Lord Jesus, make us bolder to face with courage
the shame and disgrace You bore upon Your shoulders.

Embrace the life that comes from dying, come trace the steps the Savior walked for you.
An empty tomb concludes Golgotha's sorrow. Endure, then, 'til tomorrow your cross
of suffering. Embrace the cross, embrace the cross, the cross of Jesus.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 2:15-21 — We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

SERMON

I Have Been Crucified with Christ

Rev. Jan Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *The Heidelberg Catechism*)

Kristi Button

By true faith in Jesus Christ, I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Children of the Heavenly Father

Xiao Yang, piano

***RESPONSE 822** (verse 2)

When We Are Living
Words by Roberto Escamilla; Music by Barbara C. Mink

Glory to God

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Kristi Button

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy.... Therefore, we praise you, saying
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of majesty.... Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us... Send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

(After you receive the communion elements, please use this time prayerfully and reflectively.)

PARTAKING OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

The gifts of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your grace. **You hear our prayer.**

Amanda McDonald

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
Words by Paul Gerhardt; Music by Henri Frederick Hemy

Glory to God

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away where-e'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Jan Butin

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Words by Robert Robinson; Music Wyeth's Repository of sacred Music, Part Second

Xiao Yang, piano

*(Our worship continues through the Postlude.
If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Otherwise, please remain seated.)*

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